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Happy as a...

This fellow seems to think he has the best seat in the house and doesn't appear anxious to give it up.

Police arrest 17-year-old in trespassing

By GAIL HURT
Staff Writer

A 17-year-old Murfreesboro youth was arrested by university security officers for trespassing in Murphy Center Monday afternoon, Security Chief John Bass said yesterday.

A female student was leaving a woman's restroom as another student was entering. The two stopped to talk, and both observed the young man standing by a telephone, Bass said.

The second student then entered the restroom, and the youth then walked in.

He looked at the girl, but never touched her or said anything to her. He then turned around and walked out, Bass said.

A description of the youth was obtained, and university security picked him up in the vicinity of Greenland Drive, he added.

"He admits to being in there. He indicated he was looking for change for the telephone," Bass said.

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GTA stipends to rise if resolution approved

By DANNY DOTSON
and RONDA KRUMALIS
MTSU's Graduate Council passed a resolution last week to raise all stipends for graduate teaching assistants up to the level of the highest paid departments.

The present policy, in effect since last spring, allows for graduate teaching assistants in the math and chemistry departments to be paid \$3,800 plus tuition for first-year assistants and \$4,000 plus tuition for the second year,

while assistants in other departments received \$2,800 plus tuition for first-year assistants and \$3,000 plus tuition for the second year.

GEORGE Murphy, chairman of the biology department, said he feels the present stipend policy is unfair to other science departments within the university.

"If there is a differentiated policy, I think the stipend should be equal for all the sciences," Murphy said.

Graduate Council Chairman

Jerry Brookshire said the opinion on campus is divided.

"BY accepting the new resolution, this means we do not agree with the present policy that allows two departments in the university to have higher salaries for their graduate assistants."

The resolution will be passed on to Vice President Delbert Meyers, and then on to President Sam Ingram for their action.

Because the Graduate Council does not have a direct

Merit pay plan presented last night to senate

By NANCY SLOAN
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate's Merit Pay Committee presented a plan last night which stressed across-the-board pay raises, although some senators suggested the body should not even submit a proposal.

While discussion of the plan dominated the Faculty Senate meeting, it will probably be several months before a plan is adopted.

THE committee's recommendation in addition to across-the-board pay increases included some allotment for promotions and a small percentage for "performance increment."

Performance increment, which would be awarded to 3 percent of the faculty annually, is a recommendation that eight outstanding faculty members receive a \$2,000

bonus annually.

The goals for the plan, as established by the committee, are as follows:

- to develop a lasting merit pay plan
- to put most of the funds into across-the-board raises
- to allow faculty members to elect to not participate in the performance increment plan
- to necessitate as little paperwork as possible.

One objection to the plan by Sen. Patrick Doyle was that the faculty should not develop their own merit pay plan because the faculty would have no recourse to change their own plan and "no way to fight it."

DOYLE said that a merit pay plan should be developed by the administration, but many senate members preferred the idea of developing their own plan as a body. The senate then voted to request the administration get more faculty input before any proposal concerning merit pay be adopted.

In other business, new Faculty Senate officers and the new Steering Committee were elected.

Elected president for the 1983-84 Faculty Senate was David Walker, liberal arts. Lester Levi, basic and applied sciences, was elected vice president, while Reza Or-doubadian, liberal arts, was elected secretary/treasurer.

THE NEW Steering Committee includes Nancy Fann, business; James Rust, education; J. Gray Cox, liberal arts; Marilyn Chance, basic and applied sciences; Lon Nuell, education; Roy Clark, basic and applied sciences; Reuben Kyle, business; and Esther Seeman, liberal arts.

Additionally, the faculty senate approved a recommendation, submitted by the senate Academic Affairs Committee, that faculty members be appointed to a committee to work with Earl Keese, director of summer sessions, in planning the 1984 summer school.

MTSU trio honored

Organization captures awards

MTSU's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for future business leaders, took three first-place awards at the State Leadership Conference in Gatlinburg last weekend.

Recipients of the awards were Ella Parkerson, Ex-temporaneous Speaking; Debbie Duvall, Office Procedures; and Vincent Smith, Mr. Future Business Teacher.

"WE were really pleased with the outcome of these contests," sponsor Linda McGrew said. "These students were competing against some

stiff competition and really came through."

Seventeen MTSU members of PBL participated in the contest, competing against other members from across the state in events such as typing, accounting and office procedures.

"The emphasis is on developing leadership qualities in business students. Our chapter [Lambda Alpha Tau] is open to students who are either majoring or minoring in business," Nancy Fann, a business education professor said.

FOUR students took second

place awards: Teresa Woodard, Accounting I; Sandra Couch, Economics; Angie Lamkin, Professional Typist; and Peppy Parks, Miss Future Business Teacher.

Sharon Hancock won third place in the Executive Typewriting competition.

In addition to these winners, Jac'Que Seay was elected to Who's Who in Phi Beta

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Default rate lower than report?

From Staff and Wire Reports

The number of students failing to repay federal loans may not be as high as U.S. Department of Education officials have reported, according to a American Council on Education study.

Since 1975, the government has been releasing "inflated" default rates which reflect the number of students who initially default on their loans, but who may resume payments in response to collection efforts, the study says.

MOST recently, the Education Department has asserted default rates of 15.4 percent on National Direct Student Loans and 12.3 percent on Guaranteed Student Loans.

But the study shows the default rates drop significantly once collection efforts are made.

The after-collection default rate for the NDSLs is 8 percent, while the percentage of GSL defaulters is actually 3.8 percent.

"I THINK it points out that the quoted default rates are, to say the least, an overstatement," says ACE spokeswoman Elaine El-Khawas.

"There are deadbeats in the student loan program, no doubt about it. But it's not as dramatic as the government figures have indicated," she says.

"The 12.3 percent default rate for GSLs is made up of cumulative default figures," concedes an Education Department source. "All it really tells you is the number of loans that have ever been defaulted on, and doesn't take into account repayments later on."

BUT the after-collections default rate "is also misleading because it does not take into account people who again default on their repayments. It simply assumes that once repayment begins, it will continue."

The real default rate is somewhere in between,

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Photo by Mike Poley

Practice makes perfect

Britt Winkle practices softball with his team, the Sims Chicks, for an upcoming game.

Campus Capsule

TODAY

THE BLUE RAIDER BASEBALL SQUAD takes on Vanderbilt at 7:30 p.m. at Smith Field.

"JOKES MY FOLKS NEVER TOLD ME" continues in the University Center Theatre. Show times are at 3:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Rated R.

"THE BLUES CRUSADE" will appear in a brass ensemble at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

WEDNESDAY

MOVIE: "NIGHT SHIFT" begins at the University Center Theatre. Rated R.

THE ASB SPRING FLING carnival will be in the Keathley University Center's courtyard from noon until 6 p.m. "The Piggies" band will perform from 3 until 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

THE MTSU BASEBALL TEAM plays Austin Peay in a double-header at 5:30 p.m. at Smith Field.

MOVIE: "NIGHT SHIFT" continues in the University Center Theatre.

"JOURNEY" will appear in concert at 8 p.m. in Murphy Center.

THE BLUE RAIDER TRACK SQUAD will face Murray State in an outdoor meet at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

"JOURNEY" will appear in concert at 8 p.m. in Murphy Center.

SATURDAY

AN ANIMAL SHOW, sponsored by the MTSU Pre-Vet Society, will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the MTSU Livestock Pavilion.

MONDAY

"INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS" begins in the University Center Theatre. Rated PG.

THE BLUE RAIDER BASEBALL SQUAD takes on Tennessee State at 7 p.m. at Smith Field.

NOTICE

SPRINGS TRYOUTS for next year's intercollegiate mens and womens bowling teams will be held each Wednesday and Thursday through April at anytime from 2 until 4 p.m. at Murfreesboro Bowling Lanes. For more information call 896-0945 and leave your name and number.

A SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT will be sponsored by the Esquire Club on April 15-16. Entry fee is \$10 per team. For more information call 898-4056, 898-3558 or 898-3964.

A FREE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION will be conducted on April 15 at the Greenland Drive parking lot from 7:30 until 10:30 a.m. and from 2 until 5 p.m. This is a public service and no citations will be given.

APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT AMBASSADOR are available in Room 205 of the Cope Administration Building. They must be turned in by April 19 at 3 p.m. Interviews will be April 26-27.

GRADUATE STUDENTS enrolled for less than 12 hours and undergraduate seniors that plan to attend graduate school here the following semester must notify the post office at least 10 days prior to registration in order to retain their present post office box.

Blood drive this week in KUC

By RONDA KRUMALIS

News Editor

MTSU students and faculty are encouraged to participate in the Blood Drive Wednesday and Thursday in Keathley University Center, Room 322.

The drive, on behalf of the Red Cross, is sponsored by the

Crossed Sabers, a Military Science Honor Society, and Gamma Beta Phi, an Honor Service organization.

"THE drive has been a semi-annual event for the past several years," Robert Gailbreath, faculty adviser to the Crossed Sabers, said.

Last semester, the drive was the most successful ever, Gailbreath said. In two days, 695 pints of blood were donated.

Although all types of blood are needed, Gailbreath expressed a special need for types O positive and O negative.

"THE bank is really hurting for these types," he said.

Gamma Beta Phi members have been responsible for manning recruiter tables, and will follow up by phone those students who pledged to donate blood. The group has also placed 300 posters around campus to publicize the drive.

In an effort to encourage participation, trophies will be presented to the Greek organization and the club with the most participants in the drive.

Former ASB president with Democratic Party

Former ASB president Mike Williams has joined the Democratic Party State Headquarters staff, Party Chairman Bart Gordon announced recently.

Williams, 25, of Murfreesboro, holds a B.S. degree in Economics from here. He has been active in several campaigns, and in 1982 was campaign manager for Sen. Bob Rochelle, D-Lebanon.

"I'VE worked with Mike in the past. He's very competent, and I have a great deal of confidence in him," Gordon, also a former ASB president, said.

"I'm very glad that we are able to add to our staff at this time. We are working very hard to prepare the Party for next year's elections and have taken on many new respon-

sibilities at headquarters," he said.

Williams said he looked forward "to helping build a stronger party in Tennessee."

"The Democratic Party is in a great period of growth," Williams said. "I'm very happy to be a part of it."

Williams is married to Renee Cummings Williams, also of Murfreesboro.

Applications available

Applications are being accepted for *Sidelines* fall editor.

Interested students may pick up applications in the James Union Building, Room 306. Applications should be completed and returned no later than 4 p.m., April 20. No late applications will be accepted.

The Student Publications Committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting for April 27, at which time the fall editor will be chosen.

Applications were reopened following the resignation of Marty Watt, who was named editor last week. Watt resigned to avoid possible conflicts with his ASB Senate post.

Positions open for ambassador

Students interested in becoming student ambassadors may pick up applications in the Cope Administration Building, Room 205.

Under the supervision of Dot Harrison, MTSU director of public relations, student

ambassadors serve as hosts and hostesses at presidential functions and give campus tours to visitors.

There are 30 MTSU student ambassadors, and 11 positions are open for next fall.

Deadline for applications is April 19 at 3 p.m., and interviews will be April 26 and 27.

Student ambassadors must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average.

Default

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the source says, "probably somewhere around 8 or 9 percent. But which figures you use depends on what the party involved wants to show."

"We don't like the idea of overstating the default rates, but we're stuck with two different systems, neither of which gives the real default rate," adds Robert Coates, head of the Education Department's college-based loan programs.

BUT El-Khawas and other officials suggest the government uses the pre-collection default rates to make the problem "appear worse than it really is," perhaps to make it easier to justify cutting the programs' budgets.

"I don't know their motives, and I don't think there's been any real conspiracy to deceive the public," El-Khawas says.

"But if you state a 12 percent default rate for GSLs, as the government does, it certainly makes it sound like there's a real default problem. The after-collections rate of 3.8 percent, while still representing some default problems, seems much more realistic and acceptable."

SPURRED by perceived default problems, federal attorneys in a number of cities have launched spectacularly

publicized efforts to track down defaults.

Last fall, for instance, federal officials in Philadelphia began towing away cars belonging to student loan defaulters, and impounding them until the loans were repaid.

"The stereotype of the person making \$200,000 a year and never repaying his student loan" has also brought public attention to the problem, El-Khawas says.

BUT the tight job market and other economic factors are the main reasons students default on their loans, she points out.

MTSU Financial Aid Director Winston Wrenn

blames the unemployment problem on the default rate.

"Until last year, the default rate here at MTSU was about 10 percent," Wrenn says. That rate is about 12 percent now."

Wrenn says that college students have been overly criticized for their default rate when compared to the default rates in other types of loans.

El-Khawas agrees.

"For the type of people we're loaning to, the default rate is really surprisingly low. After all," she says, "we're dealing with a segment of the population that has no track record of credit, and by its very nature would be considered as high-risk borrowers."

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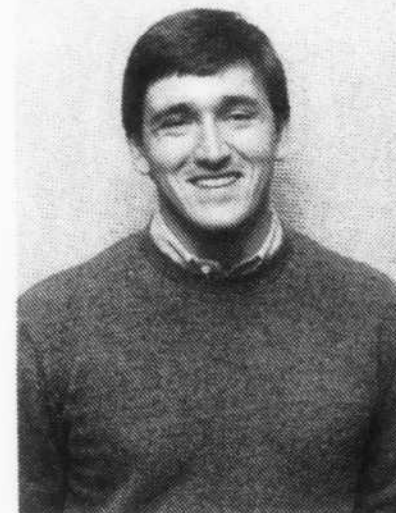
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Award

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Lambda for 1982-1983. Ella Parkerson was chosen as state secretary for the 1983-84 academic year and the Lambda Alpha Tau Chapter placed second in the Chapter Growth Award for 1982-83 year.

These students will all be eligible to enter into the national competition, to be held in San Francisco July 5-8.

Juvenile

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Detective Alan Miller talked to Juvenile Judge James Clayton, who told Miller to take the youth to the Sheriff's Department to try to locate his parents. On the way, they passed the boy's mother, who went to the Sheriff's Department with them.

The boy was released to the custody of his mother.

Elsewhere

Subcommittee thwarts tax bills

NASHVILLE (UPI) — Casting doubts over several of the governor's pet education projects and creating talk of further budget impoundments, a House subcommittee yesterday delayed or killed several tax bills for 1983.

A tax study subcommittee of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee delayed for one week votes on a 1 cent sales tax increase, an increase on

insurance premiums and a privilege tax on coin-operated video machines.

DELAYED until next January are the so-called occupational privilege tax and the administration-proposed sales tax on items sold through vending machines.

The sales tax bill was postponed by request of its sponsor, Rep. Jim Henry, R-

Nashville. Henry is guiding Gov. Lamar Alexander's Master Teacher plan through the House.

Henry said the sales tax, which would be increased ½ percent in January 1984 and another half cent in January 1985, would not be needed unless the Master Teacher bill clears the House and Senate Education Committees this week.

"WE don't know what is going to happen with the Master Teacher bill," Henry said. "If it doesn't pass we won't need the tax."

State Finance Commissioner William Sansom said if all the tax bills deferred Monday were eventually killed, it would take up to \$94 million out of state government next year, forcing another round of budget impoundments.

"If we take out all these taxes, it will eliminate all improvements next year," Sansom said. "We'll be \$94 million leaner."

SANSOM grimaced at the thought of another belt-tightening year.

"Impoundment government is not good government," he said. "Especially for higher education, because they do not know where they are going."

intercontinental MX missile for "several days" after a special commission delivers its report today.

The concern is that more talk about the new nuclear weapon could fan interest in a freeze, which has gained wide popular support in both the United States and Europe.

Administration critics last week claimed recent leaks that an interagency panel may accuse the Soviets of violating the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty are part of an effort to undercut the freeze resolution.

BEFORE last month's debate, the White House had privately written off the freeze resolution as a sure bet for passage.

Reagan readies to fight on nuclear freeze issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There are signs the White House is preparing to wage a new, tougher assault on the nuclear freeze issue when it comes up in the House this week.

The House, which spent 13 wearying hours debating the resolution March 16 before putting it off, is scheduled to renew consideration of the issue Wednesday.

IN AN apparent effort to keep attention focused on the freeze resolution, the White House said Saturday President Reagan has decided to delay endorsing any new plan for the

Soviet buildup said result of their 'situation'

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union said its "complicated" strategic situation gives it the right to build up military strength equal to that of Western Europe, the United States and other potential enemies combined.

In a 95-page pamphlet released Friday, Moscow also claimed its missiles, estimated by Western experts to number about 600, must pose the same threat to the United States that NATO missiles do to Moscow.

"THE Soviet Union's far more complicated global geostrategic situation puts it in a less favorable position in the European theater, compared with that of the United States," the Defense Ministry pamphlet said.

Entitled "How to avert the threat to Europe," the pamphlet seeks to counter NATO and U.S. arguments that Moscow has a military advantage over the West.

The booklet said the Kremlin needs a "general equilibrium of strength" with the United States, in addition to a "regional equilibrium in various directions," in apparent reference to China and Japan.

CENTRAL Committee member Vadim Zagladin elaborated on the Soviet position in an interview with Hungarian television, referring in particular to U.S. medium-range nuclear weapons scheduled for deployment at the end of the year.

news at a glance

By United Press International
AMMAN, Jordan — The Palestine Liberation Organization says its rejection of President Reagan's Middle East peace plan was necessary to avert "deep splits in Arab ranks." The divisions within the Arab world were underscored by the assassination of PLO moderate Issam Sartawi and King Hussein's decision to back out of peace efforts on behalf of the PLO.

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is contacting Arab leaders, trying to get his peace plan back on track. Reagan personally telephoned three key leaders—Jordan's King Hussein, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Morocco's King Hassan—and will talk to more leaders, deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said.

LISBON, Portugal — A man carrying a Moroccan passport was questioned yesterday about the assassination of Issam Sartawi, the PLO's roving ambassador in Europe. Sartawi, 49, was shot to death Sunday in the lobby of a hotel where world socialist leaders were meeting.

BANGKOK, Thailand — The United States yesterday delivered eight long-range

howitzers to Thailand in an emergency airlift prompted by Vietnam's offensive along the Cambodian border. The airlift came as Thailand's military chief announced U.S. and Thai forces would hold joint war games in June.

LONDON — A British army major yesterday defused a 110-pound World War II bomb in the River Thames. The six-hour operation had brought central London to a standstill.

PEKING — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping affirmed China's open door economic policy in a meeting with U.S. businessmen yesterday. It was a sign he does not want the Hu Na affair to interfere with commercial ties.

NEW YORK — The storm that swamped the South with record rain deluged New York City suburbs and New England. Rivers surged toward flood stage in a matter of hours, residents fled their homes in southern Connecticut and New Jersey rescue crews in boats searched for stranded motorists.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Iran and Iraq made conflicting claims yesterday about the direction of their 2½-year-old Persian Gulf war. Iran said its forces killed or wounded 3,000 Iraqi soldiers in battles still going on and Iraq countered that it had crushed a major Iranian offensive.



ATTENTION!

The 1982-83 Midlander will be distributed in the upstairs lobby of the U.C. (across from the lounge) on Wednesday and Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please bring your student I.D. with you!

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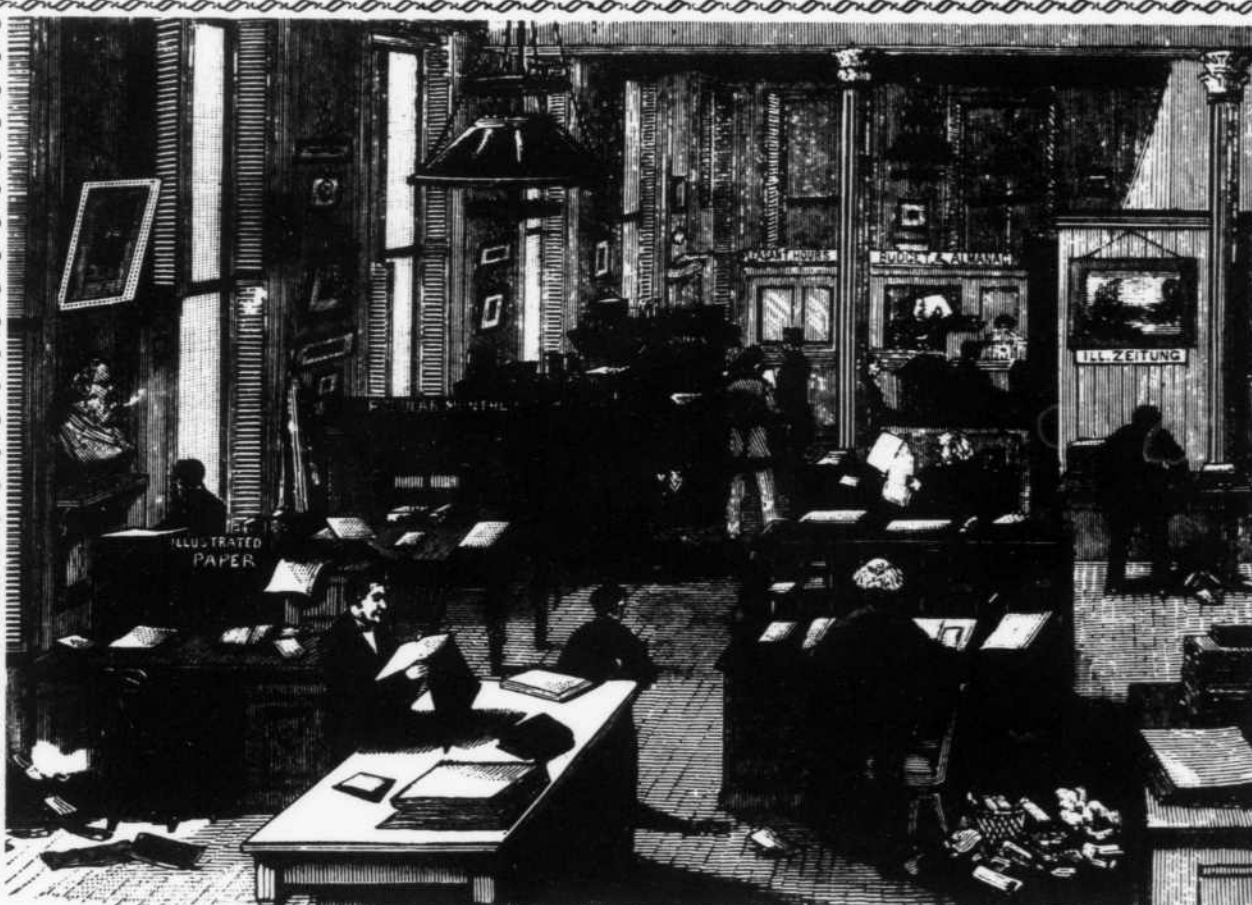
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Move renewed to hike legal drinking age to 21

Just when it appeared that the issue had been tabled, state lawmakers are once again trying to push through legislation that would raise the legal drinking age to 21.

Sen. Ernest Crouch, D-McMinnville, who sponsored a bill to raise the drinking age to 21 that was deferred until next year, has tacked on an amendment to another bill in another effort to raise the drinking age.

THE PIECE of legislation which Crouch is seeking to amend is a bill sponsored by Sen. Avon Williams, D-Nashville, which would give courts the authority to require parents to continue supporting their children until the age of 21.

Crouch's tactics have been criticized by both opponents and proponents of raising the drinking age. Several legislators who support raising the drinking age are also opposed to Williams' bill, and they feel they are being forced to make a decision which is not fair to them or their constituents.

There are still serious questions regarding a higher drinking age which have not been answered. The main argument used by supporters of a higher drinking age is that it will save lives.

THIS argument is valid, but there are other possible measures which would possibly save even more lives and still not discriminate against one specific age group.

This past year the General Assembly passed legislation which increased the severity of the state's drunk driving laws. These laws could still stand more strengthening, and the stronger they are, the more effective they are likely to be.

However, there are problems with more severe penalties for drunk driving. The judicial system is already overburdened and more arrests will intensify the problem. Also, there is a state regulation which prevents judges from

imposing heavy fines without a trial by jury.

IN SPITE of these legal difficulties, there are still additional things which can be done to deter drunk driving. Instead of serving time in prison, offenders could be required to work on community projects. Also, the drivers' licenses of drunk drivers could be revoked for even longer periods of time.

If the proponents of a higher drinking age would consider some of these alternatives instead of unduly penalizing young adults, the abusers of the law will be the ones who are punished.

Crouch and other supporters of raising the drinking age have shouted down attempts to call them prohibitionists by claiming that they are only interested in saving lives. If they are indeed not prohibitionists, then they should also consider other approaches to the drunk driving problem rather than the outright prohibition of alcohol to one segment of the adult population.

SEVERAL supporters of a higher drinking age are being hypocritical by taking such a stance. Rep. Joe W. Bell, D-Lebanon, an avid supporter and sponsor of legislation which would raise the drinking age, was himself arrested last Tuesday in downtown Nashville for driving while intoxicated—a fact for which he has apologized.

While there are many well-meaning people interested in raising the drinking age, Tennesseans should be aware of devious operators like Crouch who attempt to by-step legislative law in order to accomplish this goal.

Raising the drinking age to 21 will probably curtail the teen-age drunk-driving problem, but it will do nothing to curtail the drunk driving of other age groups. All drunk drivers should be given the punishment they deserve, not just those under the age of 21.

Representatives seek laws to punish not reporting rape

By MAXWELL GLEN
and CODY SHEARER

Only two years ago, a University of California survey disclosed that 35 percent of all men interviewed said they might rape a woman if they were confident of not being caught or punished. In the face of such statistics, our society hangs by a thread of social propriety.

America's incidents of spectator rape have led some state legislators to a logical conclusion: There ought to be a law that makes witnesses at least partly culpable for sexual violence.

Yet proposals in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island legislatures to fine or imprison those who observe and then fail to report a rape stumble on their simplicity. Simple solutions don't necessarily make for good law or effective deterrents.

AS WITH most Americans,

the horrible image of cheering rape-watchers at a New Bedford, Mass., tavern is foremost in the minds of

seven years.

FLECK modeled her proposal after a 2-year-old Rhode Island law that requires

here and now

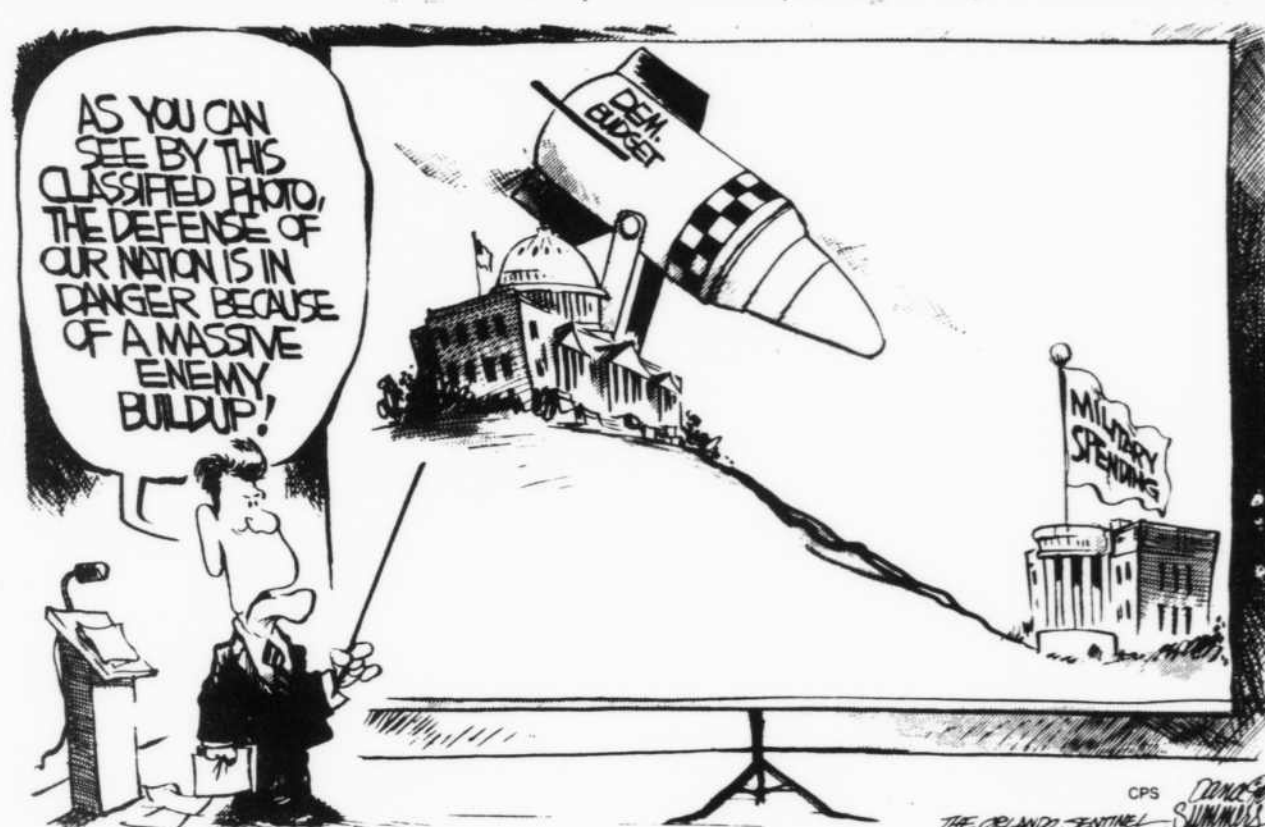
Barbara Gray, a Massachusetts state representative, and Gloria Kennedy Fleck, a Rhode Island state senator.

Gray and Fleck have sponsored bills in their respective legislatures requiring witnesses of a rape to report it within 24 hours or face one year in jail or a fine of up to \$1,000 (\$500 in Rhode Island). Gray's bill would, in fact, cover all violent crimes.

"It just doesn't make any sense to have nothing on the law books to address the type of situation that allegedly took place in New Bedford," said Fleck, 33, who has served in the Rhode Island legislature for

witnesses to report child abuse to the police. Otherwise, models are few. Some European countries, including France and the Soviet Union, hold that those who fail to assist someone in peril can be imprisoned or fined. In this country, only Vermont does and, according to the state attorney general, it has never even put its law to the test.

By contrast, Fleck said, the Rhode Island child-abuse statute has led to two convictions since its enactment. She adds that her own conversations with law enforcement officials, as a



Committee's credibility damaged

By PHIL WILLIAMS

Editor

Lord Acton once observed, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Such was the case when the student publications committee—meeting Wednesday to elect editors for MTSU's three student publications—exalted itself to pompous heights, seriously damaging its credibility.

DURING the meeting, one travesty occurred when the committee voted to exclude unsolicited comments from anyone—including past editors—who was not a member of the committee.

This is especially ironic considering that:

- None of the committee members have ever served in an editorial capacity with the student newspaper *Sidelines*;
- Only one has ever served in an editorial capacity with any of the other student publications;
- Four of the seven regular voting members are current ASB officials;
- Most of the committee members have no professional expertise in mass communications; and
- Most have not even entered the office doors of a student publication.

The only person with such knowledge and access to the committee is the faculty adviser; however, she does not vote and is seriously limited in what she can say because she must be able to work with whomever is chosen.

Yet, this committee—infatuated with its own power—decided that it alone would make a judgment on who was best suited to operate a student publication.

EVEN the U.S. Congress,

which often is infatuated with itself, does not presume to make appointments based on a simple request from an applicant. Instead, congressional committees hear from the people that are familiar with the requirements of the job and the applicant's past performance.

Consequently what this committee was saying in its vote was, "We know one side, and that's all we care to know."

As a result of this close-minded approach, the committee appointed someone *Sidelines* editor—who has since resigned—even though this person was an ASB official, had taken no journalism classes and did not intend to, planned to take 17 class hours during his tenure as editor and hoped to be working another job.

AS A further example of this group's naivete, when the subject of the applicant's academic experience was discussed, some members of the committee suggested the applicant could pick up journalism and media law "by reading a couple of books during the summer."

In a related matter, the committee voted not to accept two applications which were late—one for *Collage* and the other for *Sidelines*. While this is certainly the committee's prerogative, there were those in the room who could have reminded the group that a precedent had been set for accepting applications which were late because of extenuating circumstances. The committee did not even bother to ask the pair what their reasons were.

More important, however, is the fact that—according to a later statement by the committee secretary—"there

wasn't a single one [application] turned in complete"—this despite the fact that the application clearly says to "attach transcript" and "samples of your work and letters of recommendation should be submitted with application."

IF THE committee was trying to punish the pair for missing a deadline, why were the others not dealt with in the same manner? Or was this simply a case of a group of people exercising arbitrary power, granting favor to whomever it chose?

Beyond this dubious attitude, perhaps an even greater farce is seen in the composition of the committee—that is, four of the seven votes are held by current ASB officials.

While I would not say that any of the members would compromise themselves, there is definitely the appearance of a conflict of interest and potential for trouble.

IN FACT, one committee member readily admits that, in a past selection of *Sidelines* editors, ASB-affiliated members of the publications committee were approached by ASB administration officials who expressed their preference.

As mass communications professor Glenn Himebaugh observed last week:

"How can the student newspaper act as a watchdog of the student government when the student government controls the newspaper? That's like a Communist government controlling the media. It's stupid."

ASB President-elect Mark Ross has taken steps which will remedy some problems by his commitment to appoint at least two people to the committee who have experience with student publications and no direct affiliation with the ASB.

Since this happened this year, MTSU President Sam Ingram and other university officials need to give consideration to a possible reorganization of the committee in the future, taking into consideration the following factors:

- Avoiding any possibility of the ASB controlling the student publications or even the appearance of such;
- Appointing people who are familiar with—or are at least willing to learn—how the student publications operate; and
- Giving publication staff members a voice in setting policies and choosing leaders.

Unless consideration is given to these problems, student publications will continue to be governed by a group which has no justifiable right to pass judgment—their only right being sheer, unaccountable power.

member of the state senate's judiciary committee, gave her hope of obtaining more rape convictions and forestalling more New Bedfords.

Yet the lack of precedent suggests the difficulty of devising ways to round up the witnesses.

FOR one, different crimes generally involve different circumstances. Child-abuse prosecutions, for example, practically demand evidence of harsh physical and emotional abuse over an extended period of time. Rape is more a crime of the moment. While the transgressions are equally egregious, they place dissimilar demands on a witness' judgment and sense of responsibility to alert the authorities.

Moreover, some witnesses are better observers than others. Witnesses who come to

the fore simply out of fear of prosecutions won't necessarily speed the pursuit of justice.

Those "who come forward due to some requirement of the law don't always make the best witnesses," the Essex County (Mass.) district attorney told the *Boston Globe*. "We would prefer to have people who at the outset decide to be cooperative."

Such practical problems may only add up to a fundamental constitutional dilemma in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island bills. Does an individual have a constitutional responsibility to report a crime, or simply a moral one? If put to the test, too many courts would say the latter. Even when a criminal act can incite a cheering crowd, the law should defer to those whose obligations are less than clear.

Viewpoints



Gun control cries result of human hypocrisy

By D. CLIFTON WRIGHT
Columnist

Awise man once said, "Human beings are by nature hypocritical." OK, I lied: I just said it. If I may be permitted a moment of your time I will seek to prove this to your satisfaction.

Guns upset hell out of American liberals, who are concerned that America is viewed as a violent society. This is absurd: America is no more violent than the rest of the world. But all that is by-the-by.

THE solution proposed by some of these folks is to ban possession of guns. "No, they protest, 'We just want to ban handguns.' Be logical: Willie the Rat can probably use a shotgun or a rifle as easily as a handgun. If it abridges a person's rights to be shot, better get rid of all guns, so as to prevent the abridgement of anyone's rights, right?"

Now hold on just one minute, sportsfans: doesn't it abridge my rights to have my guns confiscated? To the liberal, it obviously does not; if it does, it does not matter: the greater good is served by getting rid of all the nasty weapons before some low-life uses one on some poor unfortunate.

Which sounds good if you don't think about the matter too much. You see, it amounts to guilt by association: since some people use guns to whack-out their fellow men, all people who own guns are therefore suspect. Never mind that I've never even shot at anyone; I just might take a notion to shoot someone tomorrow. Or the next day. So for God's sake, take them away before I do.

SOUNDS ridiculous, does it not? That, in essence, is the position of the anti-gunners. It would be just as reasonable to forbid anyone to drink because some people are alcoholics, or to ban all cars because some people flatten pedestrians. In fact, it would make more sense to ban cars: more people are killed each year by cars than by guns.

Obviously, though, we cannot do anything of the kind, because it would abridge the rights of all of us who own cars. Were I to suggest such a move, I would immediately be met with screams of "Big Brother!"

It is here that I suggest that people are hypocrites. While it is all right for liberals to ban private ownership of all firearms—and to then send federal agents into every home

in the nation to make sure that all of the pernicious weapons are surrendered—it is totalitarianism for me to suggest banning cars.

WHAT is the real issue in gun control? Is it concern for human life? No, because more lives could be saved by banning cars and/or booze. Of course, one could argue that banning booze does not work; we tried it—but what would lead one to believe that banning guns would work any better? So obviously, the issue is not workability, either.

The real issue is this: liberals do not like guns, because they regard guns as atavistic/primitive/violent/macho items. Since they do not like

them, all right-thinking people should dislike guns. If anyone does want to own a gun, he is obviously an anachronism who needs someone to watch over him. Take his gun away; we know what is best for him.

No, I'm not just talking about liberals, or about gun control, or about hypocrisy. My point is this: there are too many people loose in America today who feel that because they dislike something, it must by definition be wrong.

THIS is a very dangerous belief, whether it is held by liberals, moderates, conservatives or what-have-you. Obviously, some actions are wrong in and of themselves; no reasonable person would deny

this. Just as obviously, an action or belief is not wrong merely because some self-appointed savior of mankind labels it as wrong.

Since I believe that man can be a rational animal, let me suggest this: next time you feel impelled to support the latest self-proclaimed messiah's latest scheme to save the world, ask yourself: why do I support this?

If you cannot come up with a reasonable answer, there probably is not one, and the issue probably concerns only the individual, not society. Government does not exist to perpetuate anyone's individual prejudices, irrespective of how ostensibly altruistic they may be.

'Gender gap' blamed GOP chairman offers excuses

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Back in 1976, Fred Harris analyzed his loss in one of the presidential primaries with a charmingly creative explanation.

"I campaigned for the little people," the former Oklahoma senator said, "and I guess they just weren't tall enough to reach the voting levers."

HARRIS' Theory of Voter Altitudes, which is here capitalized in hopes of giving it a place in the pantheon of American political alibis, was not much less fanciful than some of the explanations we have been getting from the current crop of politicians about their own problems.

President Reagan, for example, has attributed opposition to cuts in welfare programs to poverty program bureaucrats whose jobs were in jeopardy. Criticism of his administration's environmental policies, he has said, came from people who won't "be happy until the White House looks like a bird's nest."

He is no exception. Presidents Johnson and Nixon regarded anti-war demonstrators as long-haired, pot-smoking hippies even when they could look out the White House window and see middle-aged, middle class Americans marching to protest the Vietnam War.

INTERIOR Secretary James Watt also has come up with some interesting causes for some distressing effects.

Crime at the Washington Monument July Fourth fireworks display, he decided, is caused by rock'n'roll music.

to solve this problem, he has summoned Wayne Newton from the quiet, law-abiding community of Las Vegas, Nev., to sing at the monument this year.

Now Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf of the Republican National Committee has joined the remarkable explanation sweepstakes.

HE HAS concluded that polls which show a higher percentage of women than men do not like Reagan and/or the Republican Party are skewed by welfare mothers and other ladies who are worried about losing government benefits.

He described the group causing the "gender gap" as 21 to 40 years old, widowed or single heads of families and recipients of assistance programs. With these women out of the equation, he indicated, the percentage of women and men who back the Republicans is much closer to even.

Fahrenkopf said he got this information from analyzing polls, but they must have been different from those cited earlier this year by the American Enterprise Association's magazine, Public Opinion.

USING network surveys and University of Michigan studies, the magazine said exit polls after the 1982 elections showed female support of Republicans 3 to 6 percentage points lower than male backing for GOP candidates.

(With the exception of 1960, a higher percentage of women than men had been supporting GOP candidates in congressional elections since 1952, one of the Michigan

studies showed.)

ABC polling figures showed the biggest gender gap was among 25-to-29-year-old women with post-graduate college educations and incomes of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

The smallest gap was among women with high school diplomas only, incomes in the \$5,000-to-\$15,000 range and in two age groups, 18-24 and 50-59.

From those figures, it would be hard to reach the same conclusion as the Republican chairman. But, like Fred Harris, he probably needs an answer that that doesn't make his problems look worse than they seemed before he asked the question.

Times Beach ideal place for 'Waste World'

By DICK WEST
Columnist

It's a miserable disaster indeed that doesn't blow, shake, rattle or roll somebody some good.

When the eruptions first started, Mount St. Helens may have seemed an unmitigated calamity. But that was before the federal government designated the catastrophe as a National Volcanic Area, and souvenir dealers moved in.

NOW, with another vacation season getting under way, it behooves both governmental agencies and private investors to provide more cataclysmic attractions.

Tourists are a hardy lot. All they need is a little encouragement and even debacles can become Grand Canyons.

Thus far, to cite one distressing omission, hardly anything has been done to upgrade the sightseeing potential of Times Beach, Mo., and other communities contaminated by toxic material.

YET environmental adulteration would be an almost ideal leitmotif for a theme park.

I am even willing to suggest a name: "Waste World." Here's the drill:

The promoters of "Waste World" buy up tracts of land that have been condemned due to spraying, leakage, spillage or some other inadvertent method of spreading poison.

EACH piece of property is then developed to carry out part of the "Waste World" theme.

I visualize as a typical unit an amusement park called "Pollutionland." It is built around a towering, Alpine-like structure—Mount Dump—

more—that is composed of barrels and steel drums containing toxic wastes.

Fun-seekers willing to stand in line are rewarded by a roller-coaster ride over and through Mount Dumpmore, where they can see the containers rusting and disintegrating, their contents oozing into a nearby creek.

AFTER that, board an elevated monorail for a trip across the creek to a man-made island where a faulty nuclear reactor is regularly venting radioactive gases into the atmosphere.

The final thrill might be a ride on a simulated railroad that ends with a tank car jumping the track and defiling the surrounding area with a deadly chemical.

The single admission ticket also entitles tourists to watch panic-stricken residents being evacuated to temporary shelters in churches and public schools.

MUCH of the appeal comes from a requirement that all park visitors wear decontamination suits and headgear, complete with individual oxygen apparatus and Geiger counters.

Most tourists, I'm sure, would love dressing up like that, particularly the younger members of a vacationing family. It would provide an element of adventure you just don't get climbing the Statue of Liberty, traipsing through the U.S. Capitol or driving through a giant redwood.

Upon leaving "Waste World," visitors would pass through a detoxification chamber, something like a car wash, in which they would be scrubbed and brushed clean of any contaminants. What fun!

From Our Readers

Reader blasts

nuke editorial

To the editor:

Speaking of reality, I found D. Clifton Wright's column on the nuclear freeze one of the funniest comments on war since "Dr. Strangelove."

It was not surprising to read just below his column that George Orwell is running for President. I mean, really: "Peace depends solely upon preparedness for war."

WHAT about Jesus and turning the other cheek? What about the peace that surpasseth

understanding? What about Gandhi's "truth force"?

What about learning to have peace in our hearts towards not only the Soviets (who on closer inspection will turn out looking a lot like us), but also towards the Salvadorans, cows, dirt, geraniums, water, air and even the empty vacuums of space.

Peace isn't a strategy or tactic, it is an emotional state of being. As for people like D. Clifton Wright, I suspect it is indeed a case of frozen fanny.

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U.S.-Latin America relations considered

By JOHN USHER

United Press International
UNITED NATIONS — Relentless in debate, Soviet Ambassador Richard Ovinnikov recently sensed a wobbly United States was ready to have the rug pulled out from under it because of its role in Central America.

It was the third day of a windy Security Council debate on a Nicaraguan complaint that it had been invaded by U.S.-trained insurgents, and U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick seemed ready to leave her chair.

ADDRESSING council president Sir John Thomson of Britain, but with his twinkling

eyes set on Mrs. Kirkpatrick's somber face, the Russian knew it was not his turn to speak. The chance to score a quick point, however, was irresistible.

"If there is a guarantee that the representative of the United States will not flee the field of battle and will remain until the end of today's meeting, I am willing to speak then," Ovinnikov said.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, teeth clenched, nodded.

AT THAT moment last week everyone in the chamber knew a year-long U.S. effort to restore Latin American confidence in Uncle Sam—damaged by Washington's

support for the British claim to the Falkland Islands—was faltering.

No one had spoken in defense of the United States, which appeared to be isolated as it had been so many times at the United Nations over its support of Israel.

Latin Americans closed ranks; Europeans cautiously talked of non-intervention by either big power; Third Worlders spoke of territorial integrity and independence; the communist bloc charged Yankee imperialism and relished American discomfort.

"**THE** United States has no friends," said Libyan Ambassador Ali Treiki gleefully. "The word 'Yankee' in Latin America is synonymous with evil and Satan."

The United States appeared defensive.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick failed to deny U.S. involvement, however remote, in her opening statement on the Nicaraguan fighting. She waited until the third day and then it was extracted by taunts from Ovinnikov.

"I **SHOULD** like to reply unequivocally that the United States government has no aggressive designs against the government of Nicaragua, against the Nicaraguan people; that the United States indeed has no intention of invading anyone or of conducting any armed action against anyone, or of occupying any other country," she said.

But Ovinnikov had done his homework.

History, he said, gave Latin

American countries "genuine grounds to be apprehensive of intervention by the United States." He read a list of military interventions against Latin American countries, "the overwhelming majority of which were carried out when the Soviet Union was not even on the map of the world."

MRS. Kirkpatrick dismissed the list of 81 incidents as "habits we left at the back of us a long time ago."

The debate prompted little but Latin American vows to exclude outsiders from all efforts to resolve their differences.

"The principle of non-intervention has its deepest roots in Latin America," said Argentine Ambassador Carlos Muniz.

EL Salvador, propped up by U.S. money, arms and aided by military advisers, emphasized the importance of Latin American solutions to Latin American problems.

"It is essential that the Central Americans alone, exclusively, resolve the problems of the region," El Salvador Foreign Minister Fidel Chavaz-Mena said. "Therefore, no one—absolutely no one—under any pretext should interfere in the regional problems of Central America."

Venezuela warned against internationalizing the conflict and promoting "increased interference by the major powers."

Boling rated worst UT administrator in poll of 596 faculty

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — University of Tennessee President Ed Boling was rated the worst administrator among the school's top brass in a survey of about 596 professors, officials said Friday.

The faculty rated the university's top-echelon administrators on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the highest rating. Boling was given a rock-bottom rating of 1.0 by a full one-third of those responding to the survey.

THE 13-year president of the statewide university system received an average rating of 2.9. The central administration and Boling's assistants didn't fare much better than the president, receiving average scores of 3.4 and 3.3.

Boling declined to comment on the survey.

Not every administrator received low scores, however. Chancellor Jack Reese, who is in charge of the university's main campus at Knoxville, received an average score of 6.2.

SOME 596 professors—nearly half the 1,254-member faculty—participated in the recent survey conducted by the Faculty Senate and the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the largest faculty group on campus.

The Faculty Senate might

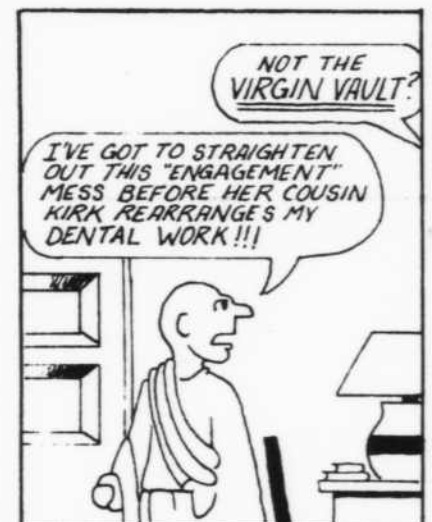
hold a faculty-wide vote of confidence on Boling within the next few months, and, depending on the results of the referendum, could seek his ouster as chief executive, professors said.

Tony Spiva, an economics professor, said the controversy over Boling "certainly doesn't look like something that may end with a questionnaire."

A sizeable segment of the faculty has been irked at Boling because of his wholehearted support for building a new \$30 million basketball arena on the Knoxville campus, at a time when Tennessee faculty salaries are the lowest in the Southeast.

Professors have griped that Boling used up a considerable amount of his "clout with the Legislature" to secure funding to build the nation's largest arena.

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Watt comment insures busy Beach Boys

By PAULA SCHWED

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Beach Boys won't perform in Washington July Fourth, but say that publicity from Interior Secretary James Watt's flap over rock music has guaranteed them a stage almost anywhere else.

"Thanks to Mr. Watt, we have a heck of a lot to do on July Fourth," lead singer Mike Love said Sunday. "We've had offers from every state in the Union."

THE Beach Boys said they would not want to upstage Watt's choice for the Independence Day celebration, Las Vegas singer Wayne Newton.

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'Gandhi' best movie with eight Oscars

By JANENE LEONHIRTH
Features Editor

Peace was a winner at the 55th annual Academy Awards last night as "Gandhi," not surprisingly, took eight of the coveted statues, and an anti-nuclear film won best documentary short.

The epic about Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian lawyer who strove for the end of British rule in India, captured honors in the categories of best picture, best actor (Ben Kingsley), best director (Sir Richard Attenborough), and best original screenplay, cinematography, costume design, film editing and art direction.

ONLY the lovable extraterrestrial, E.T., approached the popularity of "Gandhi" among academy members, as it earned four awards, more for technical merit than anything. "E.T." snatched the prizes for best sound, sound effects editing, visual effects and original score.

If it were no surprise to moviegoers that "Gandhi" ran away with one-third of the Oscars, it was also no surprise that Meryl Streep walked away with the best actress title for her role in "Sophie's Choice" as a Polish woman who had been imprisoned in a concentration camp.

Best supporting actor for 1983 was Louis Gossett Jr. for his portrayal as the tough drill sergeant in "An Officer and a Gentleman." Jessica Lange, who was also nominated for best actress for her role as the actress Frances Farmer in "Frances," won recognition as the best sup-

porting actress for her performance in "Tootsie."

THE Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences has pulled some not-so-swift moves in the past (remember last year and Kate Smith). This year, they didn't do anything as tacky, but after slating The Temptations, complete with falsetto voices, to sing Survivor's driving, raucous "Eye of the Tiger," one of the nominees for best original song, the academy had the nerve to give the award to "Up Where We Belong," from "An Officer and a Gentleman"—a truly deserving song, but what a blow to Survivor.

However, they redeemed themselves when they gave a special Oscar to Mickey Rooney for 60 years in the movie business. The Academy also deserves praise for tributing one of the world's great lyricists, Irving Berlin, whose more than 700 songs has made a great impact on the motion picture industry.

The anti-nuclear film entitled "If You Love This Planet" took best documentary short honors.

Other Oscar winners include Henry Mancini for best original score and adaptation in "Victor, Victoria"; Costa-Gavras and Donald Stewart for best adapted screenplay ("Missing"); Sarah Monzani and Michele Burke for best make-up in "Quest for Fire"; "Just Another Missing Kid," best documentary feature; "Tango," best animated short; "A Shocking Accident," best live-action short; Walter Mirisch, the Gene Herschel Humanitarian Award; and "Volver a Empezar," best foreign



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Features

59-year-old student has varied past

By JENNY JACOBS
Staff Writer

Not every MTSU student is between the ages of 18 and 24.

At 59, Viktor Schuppe, perhaps the oldest full-time student here, is in an age bracket all his own.

A recording industry management major, Schuppe will graduate in May and return to his home in Detroit. Retired from Ford Motor Co., with no desire to get back in the work force, Schuppe wants his degree to serve as a foundation in learning on the subject of recording.

With a self-built, 16-track studio of his own, Schuppe has long fostered a love of music and the process by which it is made permanent.

However, he traveled a long way before he decided to do something about his interest in music.

BORN June 7, 1924 in Berlin, Germany, Schuppe remembers the rise and fall of Hitler, and what he meant to Germany.

"He was extremely popular," Schuppe notes. "While not necessarily everybody liked him because of what he was doing and the political ideology, most people were behind him no matter what they say today—because it was a national socialist system, and an excellent one at that."

People did a lot of things for patriotic reasons, Schuppe says.

"A LOT of young people don't really care to do all that, and I was the same," Schuppe adds. "Basically my generation just grew up with the system. That's really all we knew."

At 18, Schuppe was drafted into the German army. While fighting in Africa, he was captured by the Allies. When Schuppe finally returned to war-torn Berlin, he found a sharp contrast to the thriving Berlin he had left behind.

Things were so bad, his only hope was to just survive. Unable to even imagine getting ahead at this period, he took what jobs he could find. He drove trucks and transported goods for a living. But he also placed himself in dangerous situations.

"WHEN the Russians came in, they confiscated—of course—everything they could get their hands on," Schuppe

All Sing to be held tonight at 7

The 16th Annual All Sing will be presented tonight in Murphy Center by Tau Omicron, the women's honor society, at 7 p.m.

Groups will compete for top honors in three divisions: mixed chorus, female chorus and male chorus.

COMPETING as mixed choruses will be the Baptist Student Union and the Wesley Singers from the Wesley Foundation. In the female chorus division will be Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Chi Omega sorority and Delta Zeta sorority. Kappa Sigma fraternity and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will comprise the male chorus division.

Jennifer Stevens, Jim Johnson and Vicki Carter will provide acoustic entertainment during the judging period. State Democratic Party Chairman Bart Gordon will be the master of ceremonies.

Admission to All Sing is \$2.

says. "Among those things were cars."

"People would come and say 'the Russians took my car.' We'd try to get it back. If I couldn't get it back, I blew it up," he says. "I didn't do that very long. It was a little dangerous."

"But those are the things that you do when you are young."

Interrupting Schuppe's adventurous years was a serious case of arthritis. A six-month stint in the hospital gave him time to consider his future.

SCHUPPE decided to pursue the technical engineering end of automobiles, so he threw himself into college—a college in Berlin which was trying to rebuild itself.

When his mother unexpectedly invited him to New York where she had been living, he jumped at the chance.

In New York, Schuppe worked as an automobile mechanic for a sports car importer. While this provided a decent living, he still wanted to become more involved in the technical end of automobiles. But he also became quite involved as a sports car driver.

"IN THE early '50s, I raced sports cars for three years,"

Germans to celebrate this week

Contributions of German peoples and customs have enhanced America's cultural flavor for more than 300 years.

In recognition of this fact, approximately 400 students of German and their teachers across the state of Tennessee and portions of Alabama will gather at MTSU Friday and Saturday for a "fruehlingsfest" (spring festival) to celebrate the German culture.

THE theme of the 1983 festival is "300 Jahre Deutsche Einwanderung" (300 years of German Immigration). This marks the 12th anniversary of the festival and the Tennessee chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, the sponsoring organization.

"It's really very big, a fantastic event," Ortrun Gilbert, professor of German at MTSU and local coordinator of the event, said.

Many colorful activities will take place during the two-day celebration.

FRIDAY afternoon's activities will include soccer and volleyball games. The evening will begin with a typical German dinner of such delicacies as Bratwurst, Goulash, Leipziger Allerlei and Apfel Kuchen, followed by



Photo by Keith Tippitt

MTSU senior Viktor Schuppe checks the negative for his graphics project. Schuppe, a native of Berlin, Germany is a RIM major who plans to graduate in May.

Schuppe says. "But then I had to make a decision whether I wanted to race cars professionally or not. I decided no."

Schuppe says the reason he didn't become a professional is

because he wasn't stable enough. If a person isn't "up" on the day of a race, "it [racing] stops being enjoyable."

Having decided to stay in automobile mechanics,

Schuppe approached several major car manufacturers. He finally ended up at Ford and stayed there for 26 years.

AFTER turning down Ford's offer for early retirement, Schuppe felt trapped and paralyzed.

"My career wasn't going any place," he says. "I was just sitting, putting in time. I

thought heck, I really want to go back to school to finish up what I had started."

As Schuppe's job interest dwindled, he began concentrating on a favorite hobby—recording.

"IN THE mid-70s, I became interested in recording," Schuppe says. "I thought... I can combine technology and music, and I'll just do sound recording. I bought a hi-fi system and then recording equipment. Then I built a little recording studio. Actually, not so little, it was a 16-track studio by the time I was finished with it."

In 1981 Schuppe retired from Ford, which he says was a major upheaval in his life. The thought of not being able to go anywhere and the fear of never fulfilling any dreams, however small, frightened him.

The biggest thing on his mind was somehow getting into the music business. After checking into schools that had programs in the field, Schuppe discovered that three music centers—Los Angeles, New York and Nashville—all offered various programs; Nashville, however, outweighed them all, partially because of the RIM program at MTSU.

Schuppe finally left Detroit, enrolled here and has been plugging away ever since.

a lively competition of German folk dancing and musical presentations.

The evening's activities will climax with a social dance in Woodmore Cafeteria.

Saturday's activities will include a series of individual and group competitions, designed to test the students' knowledge of the German language and culture, and will feature a vocabulary bee, a Goethe Bowl quiz (using the college bowl format), skits, a baking contest, art exhibits and conversational skills demonstrated by declamation, extemporaneous speaking, conversation competitions and dictation and listening comprehension.

prehenon.

SPECIAL guests for this year's festival include Erich Urnoneit, the Consul from Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Atlanta; Michael Roeder of the Goethe Institute, Atlanta (Cultural Center); Hannelore Koechler of the German Information Center in New York; and Barbara Jentzsch, a German radio-television reporter in Washington, D.C.

The German festival is not just a locally produced event, Gilbert said.


"This is a concerted effort of all German-born residents of this state and Tennessee universities," she said.

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Sports

Meeks qualifies for NCAA

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

MTSU's mens track team competed in the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville this weekend and, even though team scores weren't officially tabulated, the squad looked solid, Coach Dean Hayes said.

Orestes Meeks paced the Raiders with a second-place finish in the long jump. Meeks leaped 26-1/2, which qualified him for the NCAA meet and drew the praise of Hayes.

"ANYTIME we get 26 feet, I'm always happy," he said.

The Raider's mile relay team of Perald Ellis, Tim Johnson, Gary Mitchell and Kenny Nesbitt finished second with a time of 3 minutes, 9.7 seconds.

Alabama's nationally ranked foursome for the mile relay was disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct when one of its members "mooned" shocked onlookers.

MTSU's Eddie Loyd placed third in the triple jump with a leap of 51-1 1/2. Miguel Williams of the Raiders was disqualified when he jumped the gun in the finals.

The Raider's 400-meter relay team of Meeks, Kenny Shannon, Andre Kirnes and Mike Farris took fifth place with a time of 40 seconds even, while the 800-meter relay squad of Meeks, Shannon, Farris and Johnson placed fifth with a clocking of 1:24.71.

MTSU will host conference rival Murray State this Thursday with field events slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Racers will field a tough team, according to Hayes.

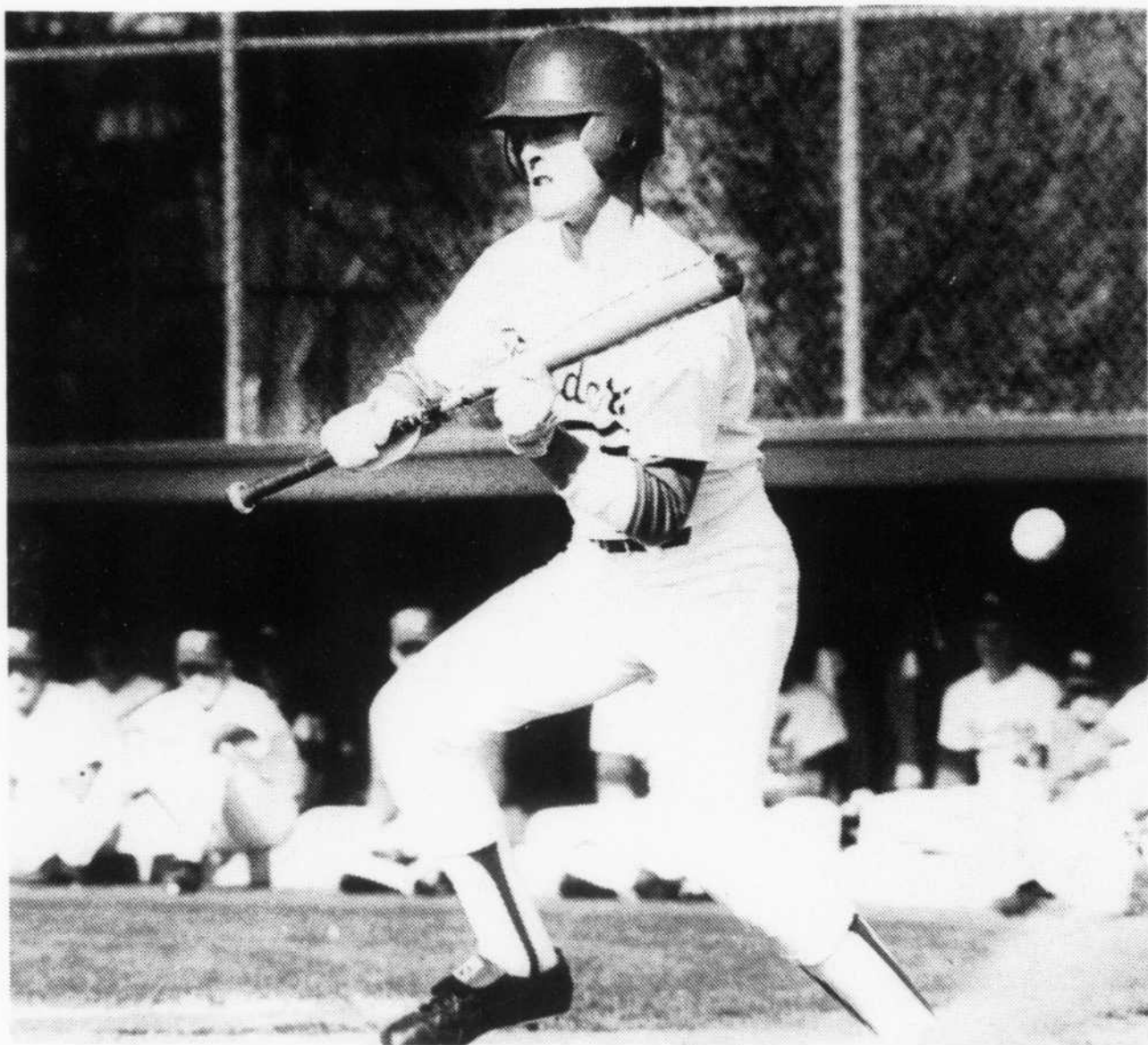
"Murray was picked to finish second in the OVC this year," he said. "They have some quality athletes."

Some of those athletes will include Gary Ribbons in the mile and two-mile run, Ernie Patterson in the high jump, William Jordan in the 800-meter run and Daren Pahl, the defending OVC pole vault champion.

Gatti's donates cash to Ladies

The Lady Raider Basketball Appreciation Banquet will be April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the James Union Building.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person and are available from any of the Lady Raider players, local banks or at the athletic department.



Where's the ball?

Raider centerfielder Gary Cathcart fouls an attempted bunt during MTSU's doubleheader sweep of Tennessee Tech yesterday. The Raiders won both games, 5-1 and 7-5 in a rescheduled doubleheader. For a complete summary of the Raider baseball week, see Friday's Sidelines.

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Lady Raider netters host Vandy

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider tennis team had their 5-4 record evened at 5-5 with a 7-2 drubbing at the hands of Eastern Kentucky here Sunday.

MTSU won only one of their singles matches, as Susan Smith smacked Peggy Wolf 6-1, 6-4.

TAKING losses for the Lady Raiders were Michelle Girle, who lost to Chris Halbour 7-5, 3-6, 6-1; Brigitte Platt, losing to Christy Spargenburg 6-4, 6-0; Peggy McNeel, falling to Joy Rupert 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Lynn Swindell, being defeated by Susan Wilson 6-3, 6-1; and Linda Long losing to Janie Walden 6-1, 6-1.

"We didn't have a good match," Lady netter Coach Sandy Neal said yesterday. "We could have won more than we did. They were close. There were some that we should've won. The next time we will have a chance to play them will be in the OVC tournament."

"I knew the girls were going to have to play tough."

NEAL said that Eastern was about equal in caliber to MTSU, but a number of factors, including the weather, could have affected their play.

In doubles action, the tandem of McNeel and Platt were victorious for MTSU, beating Rupert and Wilson 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Halbour and Spargenburg downed Girle and Swindell 6-3, 7-5, and Wilson and Fiveash stopped Long and Smith of the Lady Raiders 7-5, 6-7, 6-1.

THIS afternoon, MTSU hosts Vanderbilt—a team which Neal fears could prove too tough for her young crew. The Lady Raiders have only one returning player from last year's unit.

"It will be awfully tough to beat Vanderbilt," Neal explained. "All our girls will have to be playing their very best. They definitely have a more experienced team."

Vanderbilt lambasted MTSU in a meet earlier this year, 9-0. The Lady Raiders travel to

Banquet for Lady Raiders

Mr. Gatti's is donating 25 cents from each noon buffet sold this week to the Lady Raider basketball team to help them raise money to buy rings representing their OVC championship.

MTSU's Lady Raiders

recently completed their 1982-83 season by winning the OVC tournament and gaining an appearance in the NCAA tournament. After downing Jackson State in the opening round, they were defeated by number one Louisiana Tech.

Blue Raiders fall to UTC netmen

By MAT "CHILI" WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The MTSU men's tennis team saw its record fall to 13-5 with a heartbreaking loss to powerful UT-Chattanooga yesterday at the High Rise Courts, 5-4.

Coach Dick LaLance said he was nevertheless pleased with his squad's performance, noting that the Mocs had whipped the Raiders 9-0 earlier in the season.

"WE PLAYED really well, but we gave away a few critical points," he said. "They're a five scholarship team."

The last match of the day was somewhat controversial as Stewart Lowill and David Breitkopf of the Mocs kept complaining about close calls. After some heated words, a courtesy judge was used to complete the match as Raiders Mark Tulloch and Graeme Harris handily disposed of Lowill and Breitkopf 6-5, 6-2.

Earlier in the day, the talented Harris ran his singles record to 17-3 with a victory over Orlando Lawrence. The final results are as follows:

Singles:

Mark Tulloch (MTSU) lost to Scott Zaccaria (UTC) 1-6, 2-6.

Graeme Harris (MTSU) beat Orlando Lawrence (UTC) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

Peter Beare (MTSU) lost to

Brian Redmond (UTC) 4-6, 6-7.

Jimmy Earle (MTSU) lost to Stewart Lowill (UTC) 4-6, 4-6.

Dan Donnelly (MTSU) beat Greg Rodgers (UTC) 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Mike Feltman (MTSU) beat David Breitkopf (UTC) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles:
Tulloch and Harris (MTSU) beat Lowill and Breitkopf (UTC) 6-5, 6-2.

Beare and Feltman (MTSU) lost to Zaccaria and Lawrence (UTC) 3-6, 2-6.

Earle and Donnelly (MTSU) lost to Redmond and Rodgers (UTC) 0-6, 6-7.

The Raiders beat Western Kentucky last Wednesday 6-3. Here are the results of that match:

Singles:

Tulloch (MTSU) beat Ken Putlak (Western Ky.) 6-1, 6-3.

Harris (MTSU) beat Scott Underwood (Western Ky.) 6-1, 6-3.

Beare (MTSU) lost to Brad Hanks (Western Ky.) 5-7, 6-7.

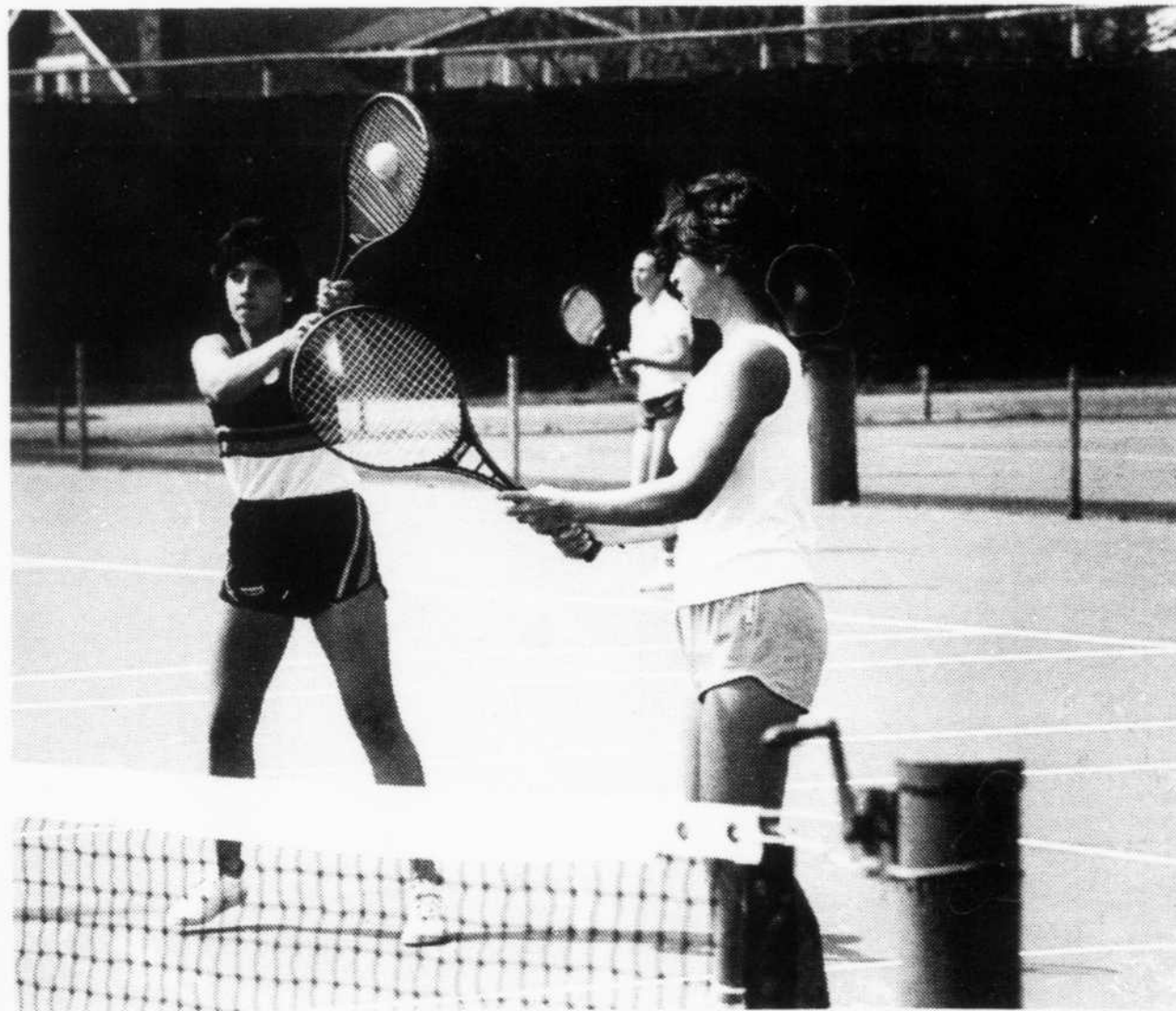
Earle (MTSU) lost to Danny Darnell (Western Ky.) 3-6, 5-7.

Donnelly (MTSU) beat Matt Peterson (Western Ky.) 6-1, 6-3.

Feltman (MTSU) beat Keith Henton (Western Ky.) 6-2, 5-7, 7-6.

Austin Peay on Wednesday for a meet with the Lady Govs.

The Lady Raiders close out their season with Western Kentucky on April 18 and Murray State on April 23.



'Doubles' trouble

Photo by Keith Tippitt

Brigitte Platt (left) and Peggy McNeel (right) of the Lady Raider tennis team were victorious in doubles play against Eastern Kentucky Sunday. MTSU lost 7-2.



Jess Neely

Jess Neely, who died Saturday at 85, got his collegiate football career started at MTSU. In the photo on the left, Neely is shown as a member of the 1919 Middle Tennessee Normal football team. Neely is pictured from a recent "Boots and Barbecue" in the photo on the right.



Coaching legend Neely got start at MTSU

By MIKE JONES
Sports Editor

Former Vanderbilt athletic director Jess Neely was one of the winningest coaches in college football history, yet few people realize his collegiate athletic career started at MTSU.

Neely, who died Saturday at age 85, was athletic director at Vanderbilt beginning in 1967 and was captain of the 1922 team. His record of 207-99-14 at Southwestern, Clemson and Rice made him one of the ten winningest coaches of all time. Only 12 other coaches have won more than 200 games.

THOUGH he never coached at Vanderbilt, he was the catalyst of athletic fundraising and for the improvement of Commodore athletics. He was behind the building of McGugin Center, Vanderbilt's

main athletic building. Neely also gave Larry Schmittou his start.

MTSU's Director of Alumni Relations Joe Nunley knew Neely, and Neely went to school here off and on with Nunley's father.

"Jess Neely went to school here before he ever went to Vanderbilt," Nunley said. "He kept up with this place and was attentive to the people who went here."

NEELY was one of three outstanding alumni who went to school here at the same time, Nunley said. Along with "Putty" Overall and Johnny Red Floyd, Neely anchored the then Middle Tennessee Normal School football team.

Overall and Neely are featured in a photograph which Nunley provided to Sidelines. Both were members

of the 1919 football team which posted an undefeated 6-0 record.

Middle Tennessee Normal wasn't the only school Neely played for during his time here, however.

"JESS and that bunch used to play here on Thursday and Friday . . . and oftentimes would play with Vanderbilt on Saturday," Nunley explained, "which nowadays seems unusual. For that time it wasn't unusual."

"I don't know whether they changed their names or not, but I kind of think they did. My father is just one of many people who told me about that."

It was through Neely's "moonlighting" that he became familiar with Van-

derbilt.

"That's how Vanderbilt got to know Jess Neely. I think he left here in 1920," Nunley added.

Neely later attended Vanderbilt and left in 1922 to coach high school football. He returned to Vanderbilt a year later to get a law degree, but never practiced law.

AFTER leaving Rice in 1966, the Rice football program has failed to achieve a winning season. He coached the Owls for 26 years.

A memorial service for Neely was held yesterday. He will be buried today in Smyrna.

Neely is survived by his wife Dorothy, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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Backhand smoothness...

Graeme Harris downed Orlando Lawrence to up his singles record to 17-3 in action against Tennessee-Chattanooga yesterday.

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Ballesteros triumphs in Augusta

By MARTIN LADER

UPI Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — When no one else was able to take charge, Seve Ballesteros compressed all the drama of an unremarkable Masters tournament into the first four holes of Monday's final round.

He birdied the first hole to earn a share of the lead, eagled the second hole to take sole command and added a birdie on the fourth hole to deflate the hopes of his rivals.

DESPITE a couple of bogeys early on the back nine, Ballesteros coasted home with a 3-under-par 69 that gave him a four-shot victory in the richest Masters ever, winning it for the second time in four years.

"The first one is always the best, like when you marry two times," said the wisecracking Ballesteros, who earned a tournament record prize of \$90,000—or 11 million Spanish pesetas—for his 8-under total of 280.

After starting the day one shot behind co-leaders Ray Floyd and defending champion Craig Stadler, Ballesteros birdied the first hole with an 8-foot putt, eagled the second when his 3-wood carried to 15 feet of the cup and birdied the fourth, where he missed an ace by two feet.

"BALLESTEROS got off to such a great start it put a damper in everyone's spirit," said Tom Kite, who tied for second place at 284 with Ben Crenshaw. "It was like he was driving a Ferrari and everyone else was driving a Chevrolet."

"He just blasted us," Kite added. "I was surprised that anyone was able to do that on the first four holes."

Ballesteros, who celebrated his 26th birthday Saturday, agreed with Kite's observation.

"THE KEY today was the first four holes," he said. "That put me at 9-under after four holes and that put my confidence straight up, although I made a few errors on the back nine."

In a final round that lacked the intense drama usually found in a major, Ballesteros

never saw his lead drop to less than two shots after the fourth hole.

"At the 13th hole I told my caddie that for the rest of the way I have to play in par," Ballesteros said.

THAT'S exactly what the dark-haired Spaniard did, paring the last six holes and ending his day by chipping in from about 20 feet on the 18th hole, snapping his fingers as the ball dropped.

"I am very happy," Ballesteros said as he was helped into the traditional green coat by Hord Hardin, chairman of the Masters. "I always enjoy playing here at the Masters, and I enjoyed it this time, too."

Crenshaw had a 68, the low round of the day, and Kite a 69 to finish at 284 and earn \$44,000 each.

TWO-TIME champion Tom Watson twice appeared to be ready for a charge, once when he eagled the eighth hole to move within two shots of the lead, but a double bogey on the 14th ended his hopes and he could manage only a 73.

This left Watson tied for fourth place at 285 with Ray Floyd, who bogeyed the final hole, and another stroke farther back were Stadler, who

faded to a 76, and Hale Irwin with a 69.

"The 14th sealed my coffin," Watson said. "The lights went out for me. I'm disappointed. As I said earlier in the week, I had to play my best to win—and I didn't play my best."

WHAT also hurt Watson, he said, was the fact he could pick up only one shot on his playing partner when Ballesteros faltered slightly on the 12th and 13th holes.

"He made mistakes on the 12th and 13th but I only picked up one shot," Watson said. "You'd think if a man makes two mistakes I'd pick up more than one. But that's the breaks of the game."

Neither Floyd nor Stadler could mount any kind of challenge. Floyd had only one birdie on the day, and that came on the 17th hole, while Stadler managed a mere two birdies.

BALLESTEROS, the youngest Masters champion ever when he won at 23 in 1980, tied for third here last year and now has won three major championships, the first one coming in the 1979 British Open.

Once Ballesteros took command Monday, no one else was able to sustain a challenge.

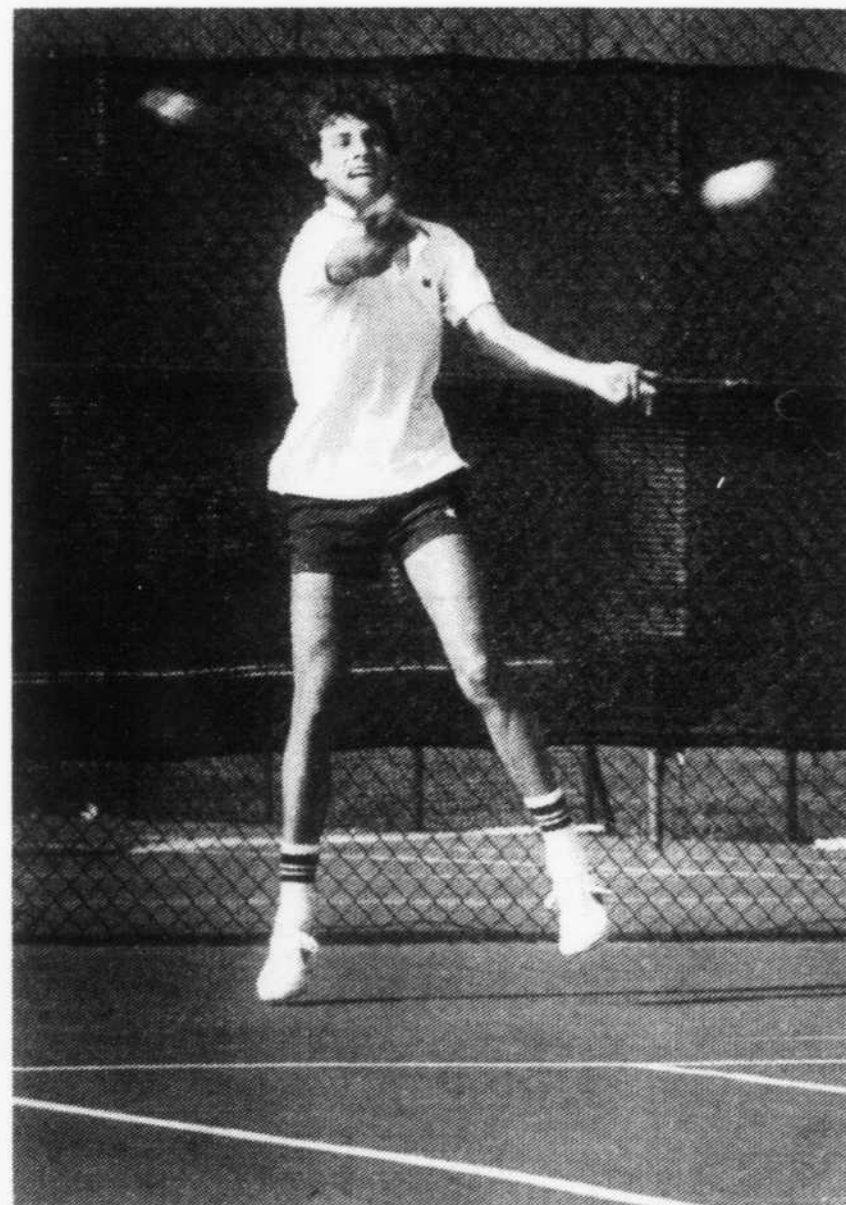


Photo by Mike Poley

and forehand intensity

Mike Feltman of MTSU beat David Breitkopf of Tennessee-Chattanooga in singles play yesterday at the High Rise tennis courts. The Raiders lost to the Mocs 5-4.

Watson, for example, closed to within two shots of his playing partner with a 40-foot downhill putt on the par-5 eighth hole, but he fell right out of it with three consecutive bogeys.

Scott Simpson had four birdies going out to move to 5-under after 10 holes, where he was four shots off the lead, but he followed with a double bogey and a triple bogey.

JODIE MUDD, after starting the day tied with Watson at 212, only two strokes behind the leaders, had a disastrous day, starting with a double bogey and adding 12 bogeys, eight of them in a row, for an 86-298.

Calvin Peete, who said last week that Augusta National did not suit his game and that "the Masters is overrated," wound up in last place among the 49 golfers who survived the cut by following up his 87 of Sunday with a final round of 80. That put him at 21-over 309.

Following three days of rain that washed out Friday's second round and necessitated a Monday windup, the sun was shining for the second day in a row, although there were gusty winds.

Ex-Martin player goes for 'Bama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI)

— Those doubting the ability of defensive back David Valletto to earn a spot on the Alabama football team are in for a surprise, the former University of Tennessee Martin player says.

Valletto, a 6-foot, 190-pound, free safety, gave up a starting job at UTM to take a shot at making it at Alabama.

"I JUST felt it was time for me to move on to bigger things. My dad played for Alabama [Carl Valletto, 1957-58]. I decided it was time for me to try," Valletto said.

"If I didn't think I could play, I wouldn't have come here. I know what I can do. It's just a matter of going out and proving myself," he said.

Lately, he's been proving his ability to others—like Alabama coach Ray Perkins and Crimson Tide running back Linnie Patrick.

"HE MADE a couple of plays today—a couple of great plays," said Perkins after his team's scrimmage Saturday.

Smith Field dedicated

MTSU is honoring Reese L. Smith Jr. and family by naming the baseball field, Reese L. Smith Jr. Field.

The public is invited to attend the reception and dedication ceremonies today before the MTSU-Vanderbilt game. Reese and his family will be meeting friends of MTSU at a reception in the Blue Raider Room in Murphy Center from 6 until 7 p.m. Dedication ceremonies begin at the field at 7:15 p.m.

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